



**MINUTES – MEC REGULAR MEETING
4:15 P.M. – 5:45 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007
PIMA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dr. Louis Albert, Rhonda Ball, Mark DeWeerd, Katie Dreeland, Betty Elasowich, Tom Ellis, Maria Hooker, Cathy Hunt, Xavier Manrique, Ned Norris, Jr., Jo Riester, Sr. Rosa Maria Ruiz, Henrietta Shepard, Nancy Smith, Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Pat Wiedhopf, Alma Yubeta for Richard Fimbres.

NON-COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Fran Embrey Senechal, Edward Nossem, Susan Kinkade, Cheryl Frazir, Steve Peters, Paul Lovelis.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER –DR. LOUIS ALBERT (chairing for Dr. Jay St. John)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Louis Albert at 4:15 p.m.

2.0 FINANCIAL REPORT – XAVIER MANRIQUE

ASSETS:

Total Current Assets:	140,729.47
Total Fixed Assets:	<u>200.10</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:	140,929.57

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Total Current Liabilities:	14,856.50
Total Equity:	<u>126,073.07</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	140,929.57

Motion to approve Financial Report for December 2006: Rhonda Ball

Second: Cathy Hunt

The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 15, 2006 MEETING MINUTES – DR. JAY ST. JOHN

Motion to Approve the November 15, 2006 MEC Meeting Minutes: Xavier Manrique

Second: Tom Ellis

The motion passed unanimously.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Budget – Bill Ardern

Dr. June Webb-Vignery reported on this item in Bill Ardern's absence. The budget is tracking appropriately for the year so far. The Survive Your Drive Campaign grant is under consideration. There will be a new Gear Up Grant application soon.

4.2 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon – Margie Hildebrand

Dr. June Webb-Vignery reported on this item in Margie Hildebrand's absence. We have 20 table commitments so far. Commissioners are asked once again to procure table sponsorships.

4.3 Appointments – Pat Wiedhopf

We have a new appointment, Mark DeWeerd, replacing Elaine Upham representing AEA Teachers, Grades K-6. Mr. DeWeerd gave a short introduction of himself.

We also have Reappointments to the MEC: Bill Ardern, Raul Nido, and Richard Fimbres.

Motion to Approve MEC Appointment and Reappointments: Ned Norris, Jr.

Second: Pat Wiedhopf

The motion passed unanimously.

4.4 YAC/TTC – Fran Embrey Senechal

The YAC/TTC members are all on task for various activities. Volunteers to help with the Transition Fair and Key to Employment Workshop are in place.

The Goal One: Graduate!/Meta Numero Uno: Graduar! Poster Contest letters are ready, as well as the Outstanding Teen Citizen Nomination forms. A Media Release will go out as soon as links are posted on the MEC Website.

The LULAC Youth Leadership Conference is scheduled for March 14 & 15, 2007, at PCC West Campus. The LULAC Banquet is scheduled for March 29, 2007.

Graffiti Task Force letters have been sent out – YAC/TTC is collaborating.

4.5 Issues – Dr. Louis Albert

The College Access Center is moving forward; the infrastructure and funding is being planned. The February 21, 2007 MEC Regular Meeting will feature a Town Hall to discuss funding of post-secondary education, and will involve college funders, ethnic group representation, and the general public.

4.5.1 Survive Your Drive

The MEC has received a request from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, through Richard Fimbres, to draft a letter of support for pending bills in both the AZ House and Senate: Primary Seat Belt Law; Booster Seat Belt Law; Keg Registration; and a Teen Driver Safety Act. The letter would be sent to Tim Bee

(Senate), and Richard Weiers (House). Alma Yubeta, Mr. Fimbres' assistant, presented some information on the subject. The issue was debated, then put up for a vote to have the MEC Executive Committee draft a letter and present at the next MEC meeting for ratification.

A motion to approve the action was brought by Betty Elasowich and seconded by Ned Norris, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

4.5.2 Partnership Agreement/Real Life, Real Talk

The MEC received a request to endorse the Real Life, Real Talk Social Marketing initiative, sponsored by various community groups and elected representatives. The initiative is a multi-year nationwide social marketing initiative designed to change the culture around sex and health in America.

After discussion, the Commission decided to withhold support for the initiative pending further information. It was suggested that we invite Amy Oggel from Planned Parenthood to the March MEC meeting to present on the initiative.

5.0 PRESENTATION: THE KEY TO EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 21st CENTURY WORKSHOP – STEVE PETERS

Mr. Peters, K to E Coordinator, presented on the Workshop, its mission, budget, and progress. The Workshop will take place on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, at the University of Arizona Student Union Ballroom. Further information can be found on the MEC website and following the links.

6.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Paul Lovelis, MEC intern for the College Access Center, gave information on his research regarding college access.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Rhonda Ball

Second: Henrietta Shepard

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.